MINUTES OF THE

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (HPAC)

OF

ARIZONA STATE PARKS MEETING OF January 26, 2009 Arizona State Parks, Board Room 1300 W. Washington St., Phoenix, AZ

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Thorne called the meeting to order at 1:15pm. Ms. Shulman called the roll and noted that there was a quorum.

Committee Members Present: Winston Thorne, Chair

Tess Nesser Joe Nucci Bonnie Bariola Vic Linoff

Committee Members Absent: Charles Ebner

Tami Ryall

Arizona State Parks Staff Present: Doris Pulsifer, Chief of Grants

Vivia Strang, Historic Preservation Grants

Coordinator Bill Collins, SHPO

Ruth Shulman, Advisory Group Coordinator

Guests: None

B. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

This item dispensed with in the interest of time.

C. ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of the December 15, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Linoff noted that Mr. Briggs, mentioned in conjunction with the Arizona Centennial is actually Mr. Driggs. He then moved to accept the minutes as amended. Ms. Nesser seconded the motion, which carried with no further discussion.

2. Presentation of the FY2008 2nd Cycle Historic Preservation (HP) Heritage Fund Grant Applications.

Ms. Strang noted that there had been five eligible applications received for this second cycle, for a total requested amount of \$429,902. The grant funds currently available are \$563,280. None of the applications have been reviewed for scope item eligibility. Chair Thorne asked why there were only five applications received. Mr. Collins noted that he had signed more than five SHPO forms for prospective projects. Ms. Strang said that she had answered more than five calls about the grant application process, however some of those were from prospective applicants who had encountered problems (match funds were swept; current projects not 75% or more complete) preventing them from applying.

This talk led to discussion of the Heritage Fund moneys and the possibility of protecting them from budget "interference" during crises such as the one Arizona is in now.

The presentation of applications followed:

- 1. The Amerind Foundation Amerind Museum Rehabilitation: Requested grant amount is \$43,984, for a total project cost of \$79,970. The grant will pay for an HBPP and roof repairs; some disasters have already occurred to the museum collection due to roof leaks. Mr. Linoff asked about the original purpose of the buildings; Ms. Strang said that they had been built for the Foundation originally, in the period of the 1930s-1950s. Mr. Collins said that the Foundation campus has a National Register Nomination in process.
- 2. Huachuca City Camp Naco Rehabilitation Phase I: Requested grant amount is \$150,000, for a total project cost of \$250,000. Ms. Strang noted that the first grant awarded to Huachuca City for Camp Naco was for a preservation plan, which is now 80% complete. There followed a small discussion on AEPA costs vs. project management costs. Ms. Strang reminded HPAC that the scope items had not yet been reviewed.
- 3. International Sonoran Desert Alliance Ajo Train Depot: Requested grant amount is \$150,000, for a total project cost of \$375,000. The project will allow the ISDA to acquire the train depot, commission an HBPP and perform repairs and rehabilitation. The final use of the building will be an Arizona Department of Tourism office. Ms. Nesser asked what repairs were necessary, as the accompanying photograph shows a "good looking" building. Ms. Strang said that the HBPP will provide information on what needs to be done. Mr. Linoff asked who will own the building, as the ISDA is a "pass-through" applicant. Ms. Strang said that information is unknown at this time.
- **4. Nogales HBPP for Old City Hall and Fire Station**: Requested grant amount is \$37,500, for a total project cost of \$62,500. Ms. Strang said that upper floor of this building was once a ballroom. She also noted that the cost of the HBPP includes architectural drawings.
- 5. Sedona Jordan Historical Park Rehabilitation: Requested grant amount is \$48,418, for a total project cost of \$108,418. Ms. Strang noted that the grant would rehabilitate several buildings, including a residence, tractor shed and a fruit packing "barn", all administered by volunteers of the Sedona Historic Society.

Chair Thorne asked who would be the HPAC liaison to the grant rating team. Ms. Bariola said that she is still the liaison for the second cycle.

D. REPORTS

1. Parks Board Actions on HPAC Items

Ms. Pulsifer said that the ASP Board had approved the HPAC FY2009 Grant Manual at their last meeting. This was the only HPAC item on the Board's agenda.

2. Heritage Fund Report

Ms. Pulsifer distributed the current Heritage Fund report, showing the funds disbursed by the Heritage Fund. She noted that the Heritage Fund had adopted a new method of disbursing funds, whereby "priority" programs (as determined by the Governor's office) receive their total funding before disbursements are made to other programs. She said that ASP is on track to receive its total allocation despite the new method of distribution.

3. SHPO Reports

Mr. Collins noted four Arizona properties that had been elected to the National Register. He also said that SHPO will be able to hire someone to handle Section 106 Compliance, as that position is paid through Federal funding. Mr. Collins also noted that he is now working NRN nominations.

E. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No response.

F. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS, MATTERS OF BOARD PROCEDURE, REQUESTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS, ASPB DISCUSSION

Current events: Ms. Strang attended the ribbon cutting ceremony of the Sam Hill Warehouse, which occurred on Friday, January 12. The warehouse will display art created at Prescott College. The wood floors and brick walls were restored well. The member of the State Legislature for Prescott also attended the event and has pledged to protect Heritage Funds.

On January 24 Ms. Strang visited the Citizen's Cemetery fence project, which is partially completed and has cut down on the vandalism the cemetery suffered. On January 30, she will attend the Arizona Main Street Conference at the State Capitol building.

Chair Thorne noted that Mr. Ebner had resigned his position on HPAC, and would like to schedule a recruitment item on the next agenda. Ms. Pulsifer said that Mr. Ebner regrets having to resign, but he can no longer devote the time that HPAC deserves. Mr. Linoff says that he has spoken to a former Chair of HPAC who could be recruited, but who lives in Maricopa County.

Other items for future agendas include an update on the effect of the state budget on the Heritage Fund and especially the Historic Preservation Heritage Fund grant program; a handout or brochure that could be available to highlight HP grant projects throughout the state; a nomination for HPAC for the Governor's awards at this State Historic Conference.

Ms. Bariola noted that a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Florence Silver King Hotel will take place on January 30, which will be covered by a reporter for the Arizona Republic.

G. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

March 16, 2009 – Florence – Chapel of the Gila. Mr. Nucci asked if the new meeting time of 1:00pm worked out well for the members. He prefers the 10:00am meeting time. Staff will choose a meeting time for the March 16 meeting; members will enjoy a tour of Florence arranged by Ms. Bariola.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Thorne adjourned the meeting at 2:34pm.